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The Fifty-Eight Day of the Israeli aggression against Palestine

Daily Report on the Effects of the Israeli Aggression in Palestine

From October 7 until December 3, 2023

Some of the information contained in this report is as of Saturday evening, 2nd of December 2023.

The Emergency Operations Center at the Ministry of Health in Ramallah supervises the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Numbers are updated every 24 hours. These numbers reflect confirmed statistics only but do not necessarily reflect all victims due to the fact that many victims are still missing under the rubble.

Current Situation:

Health System:

- According to the latest reports of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, as of December 2nd, the number of martyrs reached about 15,200, with over 40,000 wounded, including more than 6,000 children and 4,000 women. Thousands remain missing and under the rubbles.
- 20 hospitals remain out of service, though some have partially resumed operations following fuel supplies.
- Operating hospitals face challenges providing necessary treatment services due to bombing, overcrowding, power outages, and the displacement of citizens.
- Four hospitals in the north operate partially, providing limited services, and two hospitals offer dialysis services only.
- None of the hospitals in the north can perform surgeries.
- 55 ambulances are completely out of service.
- More than 250 martyrs of health care workers.
- About 30 health personnel are illegally detained by Israeli Occupation Forces.
- Dozens of health care centers stopped working due to bombing and fuel depletion.

Major Events:

- Heavy Israeli occupation forces bombardments from air, land, and sea continue, resulting in at least 193 Palestinians killed and 652 injured between December 1 at 21:00 and December 2 at 15:30.
- Two Israeli Occupation Forces attacks on December 2 led to over 160 Palestinian fatalities, involving the destruction of a building in Jabalia refugee camp and an entire block in Ash Sheja'iyeh neighborhood.
- Aid trucks carrying essential supplies, including food, medicines, and fuel, entered Gaza from Egypt on December 2.
- The Egyptian border was opened for the evacuation of foreign nationals, dual citizens, and few injured individuals with some of their companions.

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- Entry of aid is still limited where only less of 3% of the population needs have reached Gaza Strip.

Population and Displacement:

- An estimated 1.8 million people in Gaza, nearly 80% of the population, are internally displaced.
- Approximately 1.1 million IDPs are registered in 156 UNRWA facilities across Gaza, with 86% in 99 UNRWA shelters in the south.
- Concerns rise about communicable diseases due to overcrowded and unsanitary conditions in UNRWA shelters.

Public Health Threats:

- Significant increases in infectious diseases reported in UNRWA shelters in the south, including diarrhea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections, and outbreaks like hepatitis A.
- Vulnerable groups face challenging shelter conditions, including people with disabilities, pregnant and breastfeeding women, individuals recovering from injuries or surgeries, and those with weakened immune systems.
- Efforts for children vaccination are ongoing. since 4th of November, only 12,000 children have received vaccinations in UNRWA shelters.

Basic Needs:

- Since October 11, the Gaza Strip has been suffering from a power outage, after the Israeli occupation authorities cut off electricity supplies, and the fuel reserves needed for the only power plant in Gaza ran out. Putting huge restrains of health facilities and rescue missions.
- Despite the truce, there has been almost no improvement in people in the north's access to water for drinking and domestic use, mainly due to the Israeli Occupation's blockade on fuel and the damage inflicted on water production facilities. Water is primarily available from small private wells and UNRWA wells, and serious concerns remain about waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources.
- In the south, UNRWA continues to operate eight water wells providing potable and domestic water to shelters for internally displaced people, along with water trucking operations, and over the past few weeks, solid waste from camps and emergency shelters has also continued to be collected and transported to landfills, to reduce the level of health risks And environmental.
- On 30th of November, WFP distributed food parcels in the south through UNRWA shelters and six distribution points outside the shelters for displaced families. In addition, 15,000 families hosting displaced people received food parcels.
- Since 21st November, UNRWA has provided flour to 30,222 families outside its shelters, in addition to the daily food support that UNRWA provides to displaced people in their shelters.

Destroyed Buildings:

- Exact numbers of destroyed buildings are unavailable due to continued bombings.
- Latest updates indicate over 60% (nearly 280 thousand) of housing units destroyed, exacerbating health vulnerabilities.

The West Bank, including Jerusalem:

- Since October 7, the West Bank reported 254 martyrs and about 3,100 wounded.
- Attacks on hospitals, health centers, and ambulances increase in the West Bank, limiting access to basic healthcare services.

Urgent Needs:

- Immediate cessation of Israeli genocidal war against Palestinian civilians.
- Urgent implementation of international humanitarian laws protecting health institutions and civilians.
- Immediate and unconditional entry of humanitarian and health supplies into Gaza.
- Halt forcible displacement of civilians.
- Urgent support for search and rescue operations.